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Randy G. Massey, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 20, 2006, **GEORGE L. SAMPLE**, a/k/a “J,” age 28, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. **SAMPLE**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine, was sentenced to 240 months’ imprisonment, 10 years’ supervised release and was fined \$300. **SAMPLE** received an enhanced sentence because he had a previous felony drug conviction.

The violation took place between April 2004, and May 11, 2005, in Jackson County. Co-defendants JAMES E. WARE, a/k/a “Fuzzo,” and TERRANCE WARE, a/k/a “Freak,” have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.